

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Müller, et al.
Serial No.: 10/027,977
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Title: METHOD FOR INCREASING THE LONG-TERM STABILITY OF EXHAUST
SYSTEM CATALYSTS
Art Unit: 1754
Examiner: T. Vanoy

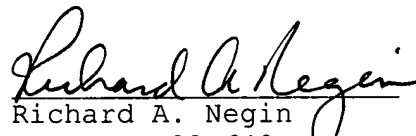
October 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 4 months from the due date of two (2) months after the Notice of Appeal filed April 24, 2003 of the final Office Action dated November 25, 2002.
2. A response in the form of an Appeal Brief is simultaneously filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee: 4 months \$1,480.00
4. Fee Payment:

Please charge the fee of \$1,480.00 and any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to account number 05-1070. A duplicate of this request is enclosed.

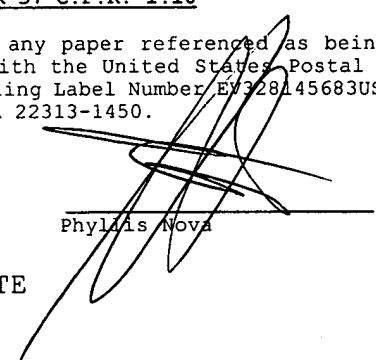

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